



**Austin Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission
Regular Meeting** www.ci.austin.tx.us/telcommission

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Wednesday - December 14, 2011

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Current Commission Members:

Lemuel Williams, Jr., Chair	Chip Rosenthal, Vice Chair
Wendell Ramsey	Kedron Touvell
Melvin White	Elizabeth Quintanilla

The following items are posted for discussion and possible action.

1. Call to order – December 14, 2011 - 6:42 p.m.

Commission members in attendance:

Lemuel Williams, Jr., Chair
Chip Rosenthal, Vice Chair
Wendell Ramsey
Kedron Touvell
Melvin White

Commissioner absent

Elizabeth Quintanilla

City Staff in attendance

Paul Lewis
John Speirs
Jane Reina

2. Adoption of agenda.

The agenda was adopted by consent of the Commission.

3. Citizen Communication: General

The first 10 speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

Monique Dreux stated she has problems with her computer being connected to an out side network.

4. Approval of minutes – September 14, 2011 and November 9, 2011 Commission Regular Meetings and the November 14, 2011 Special Called Meeting.

The minutes from the Commission regular meeting of September 14, 2011 was approved on Commissioner Rosenthal's motion; Commissioner White's second on a vote of 4-0-0. (Commission Quintanilla absent, Commissioner Touvell away from dais)

The minutes from the Commission regular meeting of November 9, 2011 was approved on Commissioner Rosenthal's motion; Commissioner White's second on a vote of 4-0-0. (Commission Quintanilla absent, Commissioner Touvell away from dais)

The minutes from the Commission special called meeting of November 14, 2011 was approved on Commissioner White's motion; Commissioner Ramsey's second on a vote of 4-0-0. (Commission Quintanilla absent, Commissioner Touvell away from dais)

5. Austin Free-Net update presentation. (Juanita Budd, Executive Director). (wp3)

Juanita Budd, Executive Director of Austin Free-Net's updated included updates on their training programs; Fix-Net Program; grant update; and total users session per site. Also an update on their outreach which included a video that was shown at the Alamo Draft House to promote what they offer to the community. <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=162174>
<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=162173>

6. Staff briefing on Legislative, Regulatory and Policy update. (Paul Lewis) (wp4)

Paul Lewis, Assistant Manager of the City of Austin Office of Telecommunications & Regulatory Affairs, Legislative, Regulatory and Policy update included; Cable/Video Issues including; INet Deactivation and AT&T U-Verse Carriage of PEG Channels. Also Federal Activity which included update on FCC Reform Act Legislation; FCC Basic Tier Encryption NPRM; FCC Releases Universal Service Fund Reform Order; H.R. 2482; SB 911; H.R. 1002-Wireless Tax Fairness Act of 2011; State Sales Tax Collection on Internet Sales; FCC Notice of Inquire on Broadband Deployment; and CAP Act-HR 1746. <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=161720>

7. Staff update on Grant for Technology Opportunities Program (GTOPs) and introduction of the 2012 Grant Review Committee. (John Speirs)(wp2)

John Speirs, Program Coordinator with the City of Austin Office of Telecommunications & Regulatory Affairs reported that the City received 37 applications for GTOPs 2012. He introduced the Grant Review Committee to the Commission who were there for their orientation to the Grant Review Committee.

8. Update on Austin Connects. (John Speirs and Lainie Duro) (wp3)

John Speirs and Lainie Duro with Skillpoint Alliance gave an update on Austin Connect a partnership between the City of Austin and Skillpoint alliance for the purpose of connecting local government, non-profits, educational institutions, corporations and citizens who have an interest in Community Technology. Austin Connects provide information and opportunities for local professionals in support of their program that provide digital literacy and inclusion. On their horizon is; continued outreach and recruitment; CT Map maintenance; Meetups, Networking events, and workshops; a symposium; and seeking support from this Commission. Go to www.austinconnects.net for more information.

9. Discussion and possible action on 2012 Commission workplan (Williams).

The 2012 Austin Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission workplan was approved on Commissioner Rosenthal's motion; Commissioner Ramsey's second on a vote of 5-0-0. (Commissioner Quintanilla absent)

<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=162357>

10. Technology Survey Task Force update. (Quintanilla) (wp3)

This item was tabled.

11. Discussion and possible action on commission scope changes and city open government initiatives. (Rosenthal)

Commissioner Rosenthal stated that on December 8th the City Council approved an amended ordinance that enables this Commission (scope of work) which included, a technical clarification for the definition of community technology; removed this Commission's involvement with the evaluating the work of franchise holders; and added; advise city council on information and communications technology facilities and services that are operated by the City for public use, including the City wet site, Internet serves and open government technologies.

<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=162194>

The City Council also passed a resolution in support of open government initiatives at their December 8th meeting. In this resolution it stated: the City Council directs the City Manager to work with the Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission to develop recommendations for elements of an Open Government Framework to address: Open Date; Open Source Platforms; Mobile applications and Social media. <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=162195>

Motion to form a Open Government Working Group to make a recommendation to this Commission on how this Commission should proceed on Open Government framework was approved on Commission Rosenthal's motion; Commissioner Williams' second on a vote of 5-0-0. (Commissioner Quintanilla absent).

Commission Rosenthal will chair this group with Commissions Ramsey and Williams are participating.

12. Update reports on networking relationships with other boards/commissions and groups, citywide and Austin Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission (ACT&TC) information items.

Commissioner Rosenthal stated that the Emerging Technology and Telecommunications Council Committee want an update from this commission on the technology survey.

13. Discussion of agenda items for ACT&TC future meetings.

Proposed items for the January 11, 2012 regular meeting

- o Adopted Commission 2011 workplan accomplishments.
- o Open Government working group update.
- o Technology Survey working group update.
- o AustinGo update from Communications Technology Management.
- o Channel 6 update. (Keith Reeves)

Under channelAustin's (Public Access Community Television (PACT)) current contract they will be providing, to the City, semiannual activity reports (first report due March 31st); quarterly financial reports and monthly executive director reports that are also given to channelAustin Board of Directors.

channelAustin will be invited to the March 2012 meeting to walk the Commission through the monthly executive director's report and after that the Commission will receive a copy of the monthly executive director report by email. The Commission will invite them twice a year for a channelAustin update.

14. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.